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Mayor Healy Announces New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority Approval of \$1.3 Million to Hire 30 New Police Officers

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the Municipal Council and the Jersey City Economic Development Corporation announced today that the New Jersey Urban Enterprise Zone Authority approved \$1.3 million in funding to hire 30 new additional police officers.

The officers will be trained at the Jersey City Police Academy, with 15 to begin their patrols in January of 2009 and the other 15 in July of 2009. The city will match the Urban Enterprise Zone funds with an additional \$336,261.

The officers will be assigned to the main business areas within UEZ zones, including Central Avenue, MLK Drive, Ocean Avenue, Newark Avenue, Exchange Place, McGinley Square, Washington Boulevard, Monticello Avenue, Kennedy Boulevard, Newport, West Side Avenue, and Route 440.

“Making Jersey City safer is the number one priority of my administration, and increasing the number of officers on our streets is a way to reach that goal,” said **Mayor Healy**. “This is one of the most effective ways that our Urban Enterprise Zone dollars can be used to improve the quality of life of our residents.”

This is the third year that the Jersey City Urban Enterprise Zone has sought and received approval from the state to utilize UEZ dollars to hire police officers. The Jersey City UEZ also funds the city’s CCTV program, which provides police surveillance cameras in strategic Urban Enterprise Zone areas

Since taking office in 2004, Mayor Healy has hired nearly 300 new police officers.

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